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India-Kashmir: The initial round of talks between Indian leaders and Kashmiri leader Sheikh Abdullah has ended on an inconclusive but guardedly hopeful note.

The main result of the discussions, which lasted more than two weeks, has been a personal rapprochement between Nehru and the one-time colleague he imprisoned 11 years ago. Both sides have also shown willingness, despite strong pressures to assume hard-line positions, to continue the dialogue in a relaxed manner and at a somewhat leisurely pace. A constant flow of callers and two week-end trips to Madras and Bombay gave Abdullah a further chance to probe Indian sentiment prior to his return to Kashmir scheduled for yesterday.

[The sheikh has Nehru's permission to travel to Pakistan for discussions with President Ayub and others.] He may accompany J. P. Narayan, a leading Gandhian who heads a moderate Indian group promoting Indo-Pakistani reconciliation and who is to visit Pakistan during the next few weeks.

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Turkey-Cyprus: [Prime Minister Inonu has re-emphasized his despair over Cyprus and has reiterated that Turkey is determined to intervene militarily if necessary.]

[Inonu told Ambassador Hare on 12 May that "the time for persuasion has now passed" and that there are only two alternatives, either to submit to Makarios or to "beat some sense into his head by force."]

[Hare now believes that Ankara probably will insist on some form of Turkish presence on the island or the right of custodianship before it will agree to the abrogation of the present treaties regarding Cyprus.]

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West Germany-MLF: [The Bonn government appears to be considering favorably the idea of forming a US - West German nuclear force.]

[Defense Minister von Hassel took this position with Secretary McNamara last week. He said that Foreign Minister Schroeder supported his proposal completely and indicated that Chancellor Erhard was also agreeable.]

[Von Hassel stressed the need for early action in setting up a nuclear force, presumably to protect his government against domestic political attack on nuclear affairs. He claimed that initial agreement on the force should be reached no later than next January so that it could come into being sometime before the German elections set for the following September.]

[Von Hassel said that "for tactical reasons" he had recently told the Italian defense minister that Washington and Bonn intend to proceed with the nuclear force even if no one else joined. The West German ambassador to NATO on various occasions has also taken the line that "one way to make the Italians come in" the MLF would be to make it clear the US and West Germany might go ahead without them.]

[Ambassador Reinhardt in Rome has reported that the Socialists and other Italian leaders were opposed to Italian participation in the MLF if West Germany were the only major European participant.]

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Congo: The Brazzaville-based Committee of National Liberation (CNL) evidently is turning to sabotage in its campaign to undermine the Adoula government. On 10 May, a high-tension pylon on one of the two main electric power lines leading into Leopoldville was skillfully blown down with plastic explosives.

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Venezuela: [Communist Party leaders late last month reaffirmed their view that the surest way to power is through armed struggles,]

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[It remains to be seen, however, whether this decision will end the internal bickering that has divided the PCV into "hard-line" and "soft-line" factions since the 1 December national elections. Emphasis on violence, even if it is prolonged, will not prevent the Communists, working through legal leftist parties, from engaging in more overt political activities. These might include organizing a congressional opposition to President Leoni's government and fomenting mass protest activities.]

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